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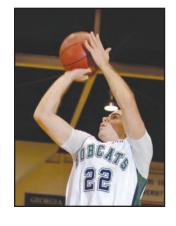
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\$35 million

The amount of money received by the American Red **Cross via Twitter in** the first 48 hours after an earthquake struck Haiti. For more information see "Our Voice" on page 8.

Source: American Red Cross



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Aaron Williams adjusts the neon lights on the sign for the historic Campus Theatre, located at 135 Hancock St. in downtown Milledgeville on Wednesday afternoon. The facility will be fully open to the public in April. The theater will also house a bookstore, set to open in March, and a coffee shop.

Campus Theatre to open

Bookstore launches in March, theater in April

BY ELISE COLCORD STAFF WRITER

Although the historic Campus Theatre, located at 135 Hancock St. in downtown Milledgeville, will not reopen with a showing of Frank Capra's "Broadway Bill" like it did in 1935, it does have new venues that will benefit not only students, but also the local community as well.

Inside the theater there will be a retail bookstore and a Jittery Joe's coffee shop that will inhabit the front of the building. The "black box" performance space and accommodations for theater students will be housed in the back portion of the building.

A soft opening for the bookstore portion of the facility is expected in late March around the time students return from spring break. The official opening of the theater, as a whole, is expected in late April although no official opening date has been set.

On Feb. 22, 2008, GCSU purchased the historic building and later began renovating it.

Mark Bowen, GCSU's project manager, explained how the current layout of the building contrasts from it's former design of a segregated

"When you enter the middle doors here, you will be entering the main part, the retail bookstore. Of course, to the right you will have a coffee shop, Jittery Joe's and towards the back is the entrance to the black box theater portion for students to practice and perform productions," Bowen said.

With renovations begun in October 2008, an-

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Greek village focus of new study

BY REBECCA BURNS STAFF WRITER

GCSU is continuing to explore the possibility of a unified Greek village at West Campus, with a feasibility study planned for February.

Unlike the current scattering of unofficially recognized houses in Milledgeville's historic district, the proposed GCSU master plan allots space for an intact organized, Greek structure visible from U.S. 441. The study conducted by consultant Mari Ann Callais, who worked on the new Greek complex at the University of West Georgia, will determine interest, need and overall readiness to undergo the project.

Assistant Director for Student Involvement Reese Cohn said Greek organizations are inter-

"We know Greek students would like a place to call their own, we're just not sure what kind of structure they are looking for and what kind of structure is going to work best for our students and our campus," Cohn said.

According to Vice President of Student Affairs Bruce Harshbarger, the feasibility study by Callais will evaluate the current state of the Greek community, including the size of chapters, potential growth and the current goals of the Greek community, as well as the university's goals for a Greek village.

In addition to meeting with university personnel, advisors of chapters, Greek chapter presidents and council presidents, an open meeting for all interested students will be held this semes-

"Regardless of the program we develop, the funding of the

Greek village page 6

MSU dining hall renovations planned for summer 2011

BY MATT KUHL STAFF REPORTER

Students can expect to see changes in Maxwell Student Union next year as Sodexo Inc.'s contract expires and a complete remodeling of the dining hall is planned.

Auxiliary Services Executive Director Kyle Cullars explained that the school's 10-year contract with Sodexo will expire in 2011, and that according to state law the university must solicit competitive bids for the new contract.

"I'm sure Sodexo will bid on it, as probably will Aramark and Chartwells, and there are a couple of others out there that may have some interest in it," Cullars said.

Auxiliary Services plans to have a request for proposal - a detailed de-

scription of the needs and

requirements that helps

vendors bid - written and

released by November, which is the planned deadline for bids. Cullars hopes to have a contractor chosen by March 2011.

When asked what changes students might see, Cullars said he expects improvements from the company that receives the contract.

"If you're going to go to the effort of writing (a request for proposal) and putting it out on the street, we're obviously going to be asking for more than we're getting now in terms of service and facilities, and all that kind of stuff," Cullars said.

In addition to a new contractor, Cullars said the university plans a "total gutting" and subsequent remodeling of the main dining hall. He estimated that the renovation would cost around \$3 million.

One improvement soph-

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Sean Kingston, MuteMath to play at Homecoming

BY RYAN DEL CAMPO STAFF REPORTER

In an effort to involve the student body this past semester, the Student Government Association created a vote for the students' choice of bands for this year's Homecoming. And the people have spoken. This week, SGA announced a lineup for a week full of events from Feb. 15-20 on its

Homecoming Web site. Rapper Sean Kingston will be headlining the concert this year. Kingston has several independent hits such as" Beautiful Girls," "Fire Burning" and "Take You There," as well as sev-eral collaborations since his record debut in 2007

their sound as a "blend-

ing of adverse genres

Opening for Kingston will be the breakout creation.' group MuteMath, most notable for its song "Armistice." The group also created the theme for the movie "Transformers." The artists' Web site lists



Special to The Colonnade The Homecoming concert will be held Thursday Feb. 18 in the Centennial Center instead of West Campus this year. Sean Kingston and MuteMath will both play at the concert.

the campus," said SGA

into its own innovative sonically adventurous

The artists were chosen with the input of students from a list of

potential performers. "The online poll for the Homecoming concert was a discovery tool to determine the pulse of

President Zach Mullins. 'The bands selected reflect the tastes of the student body. ... Hopefully in future years as Homecoming expands, we will be able to bring in additional revenue and hope-

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Flashback:



GCSU LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

GSCW students are shown eating in the dining hall when it was located in the basement of Atkinson Hall.

This month in Colonnade history.

Eight southern states including Georgia implemented a poll tax of \$1 or more in the late 1890s to keep poor people from voting. The Colonnade reported that they might have been instated with support from white supremacy groups.

Vol. 14 No. 13 Jan. 20, 1940

Dormitories competed to see which could sell the most tickets to the Roosevelt Ball, held Feb. 14, 1940. The winners were able to "parade their dates" during the Ball's Grand March.

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The Victory Book Drive collected books from students on campus to deliver to all branches of the armed forces. Donations from the following genres were encouraged: fiction with an emphasis on adventure, well-written up-to-date novels, mystery stories, historical novels, recent technical books, especially about aviation and radio, current affairs and governments.

Vol. 16, No. 13, Jan. 17, 1942

Issues of The Colonnade from 1925 to 1975 are now available on microfilm in the library.

New Digital Bridges center to promote technology use

BY ALLISON BRAMLETT STAFF REPORTER

Through a new initiative, Milledgeville is taking steps toward advancing the use of technology in the city. Digital Bridges is a new community project aiming to

technological awareness and innovation in Milledgeville by providing equipment, classes and workshops to residents.

Milledgeville Community Connections: Digital Bridges...Bringing People Together project is run through Georgia College and funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. GCSU's Innovation Digital Group announced this past December that a three-year grant from the Knight Foundation would allow for the establishment of the

meetings or staff training.

Digital Bridges project. The building, located downtown next to The Campus Theatre on 127 Hancock St, has a 3,500 square foot room that allows for computer areas and what Digital Bridges calls "collaboration clusters," which are areas for small groups to collaborate. The center, called the Knight Community Innovation Center, will also hold a training room and conference room, which are both available to rent for

"We want everyone to feel comfortable coming into the center to learn basic computer skills and seek help identifying ways technology can help their family businesses and enhance their lives," said Heather Holder, the director of Digital

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> -Heather Holder Digital Bridges Director

The center will also provide wireless Internet free of charge, along with computers loaded with image-editing software and other equipment, such as digital cameras, that could be useful to small businesses, but that may be too expensive for them to obtain. The conference room will also have a SMART board technology that will be used for training and meeting purposes.

With the recent closings of the Bill E. Ireland Youth Detention Campus and the Rheem Manufacturing plant, Milledgeville has been hit with

some hard economic times. The Digital Bridges project aims to help those affected by the loss of jobs in the area.

"We want to encourage people getting jobs because so many people have be laid off in Milledgeville and so many industries have closed down so a big initiative is to help people get online, looking for jobs," said Dawn Pendergast, Digital Bridges coordinator.

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Smoking cessation program available

Freedom From

Smoking

program to help

When: Mondays

faculty and staff

smokers quit

at 12:30 p.m.

BY MATT CHAMBERS SENIOR REPORTER

To help smokers quit or cut back smoking the Wellness Depot is offering a smoking cessation program called Freedom From Smoking.

The event is a sevenweek, eight-session program set up with the help of the American Lung Association. Meetings will be held Mondays at 12:30 p.m. in Chappell

"(Freedom from Smoking) is considered the gold standard of smoking cessation programs; it's the most comprehensive program on the market," said Amy Whatley, assistant director of wellness programs and certified facilitator of the program.

All levels of smokers, from social to heavy, are invited to join the program. Students, faculty and staff can all participate at no cost to them. This year the public will also be able to attend and participate in the program.

"We'll also open it up to the public; we've never done that before," Whatley said. "We're only asking the public to pay \$20 to cover the cost of the materials."

Each week, group participants will meet to discuss their progress in the program. The group setting allows smokers share their experiences and goals.

"The supportive group is a key; a lot of people that do try to not smoke aren't successful definitely after the first attempt, but even after many attempts. The group atmosphere makes a big difference with the success of the program," said Laura Childs assistant director of student wellness programs.

Each meeting has a different purpose. The first three meetings focus on preparing to stop smoking. The fourth week is when the group participants attempt to quit.

"(The participants) kind of set a date for the fourth week and say 'this is our quitting day,' " Childs

The final three meetings are for the group participants to talk about any difficulties or problems having cutting back or quitting smoking.

"Session five we do a 48hour follow-up to see how everybody's doing and

What: A seven-week Where: Chappell Hall 102 Cost: Free to students,

GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS

from that point forward it's about maintaining," Whatley said.

At the end of the program the group holds a quitting ceremony honoring those who have completed the program, as well as those who have quit smoking.

"We recognize and reward those that have completed the program," Whatley said. "We really try to make the last session kind of special and do something nice for them."

While the goal of the program is to help smokers reduce or eliminate their urges to smoke, Childs said she's happy to help anyone at least a little.

"When you work in the health-promotion field, even if you can help one or two individuals to stop or change an unhealthy behavior it's successful," Childs said.

'100 Most Influential Georgians' lists Leland

BY JOANNA SULLIVAN STAFF WRITER

GCSU President Dorothy Leland was listed this month as one of the "100 Most Influential Georgians" in Georgia Trend magazine. The list is compiled annually and features a variety of names from Gov. Sonny Perdue to University Sys-

tem of Georgia Chancellor Erroll Davis. Given the harsh economic times, the chosen individuals are, "men and women helping guide the state during the roughest economic patch in decades" the magazine stated.

Leland did not claim all the recognition for herself.

"I am truly honored. I think to a great extent it is a reflection of the school. I would like to give credit to the students, the faculty, our alumni, and our friends who have helped us and have funded projects to improve the school," she said.

Leland has been at Georgia College for six years now and has made some significant changes to the campus during that time. Campus Theatre, located a 135 W Hancock St. in downtown Milledgeville, was purchased by the school and is undergoing renovations along with other historic homes that were bought.

"One particular project we have worked on was the Sally Ellis Davis house. It is a

historic home that we discovered a year ago, which the school owns, but it was not on our property inventory," Leland said. "We joined part with the students, a construction company, and other volunteers to raise the house and keep it on a more stable foundation."

As for other stable foundations, Leland has managed to keep GCSU thriving despite the arduous economic times, which was one of the things Georgia Trend looked at when compiling its list.

"I'm a very conservative fiscal manager. Luckily, when the economic downturn occurred, we had built up reserves in our finances so it wasn't as much of an issue as it could have been," Leland said.

This is Georgia Trend's 12th year publishing the list. Those honored by the magazine are selected by its editorial staff, and are generally politicians, business people and those in the education community.

Those on the list will be honored during an award luncheon given by the magazine next week.

"The major benefit of this award is recognizing (Leland's) efforts," Associate Vice President for Strategic Communications Harry Battson said. "She helps guide the university, which greatly effects Baldwin County and subsequently the city of Milledgeville."

"I think to a great extent it is a reflection of the school." -GCSU President Dorothy Leland



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ticipation mounts as the final coats of paint are applied and the main doors are propped open daily, for the curious passer-by to get a sneak peek

Essentially, the idea is to give back to the community by providing not only a new coffee shop, but also a retail bookstore that will house not only textbooks, but also other leisure-reading materials.

The Theatre Department may have more reason than most to welcome the theater's reopening.

The back portion of the theater houses the black box theater, but also an acting lab, classroom, two spacious dressing rooms, three full bathrooms and a wardrobe closet that contains a washer and dryer to clean dirty cos-

Evan Fields, a junior theatre major, feels the Campus Theatre will be very beneficial for the Theatre Department.

"I am very excited about the new theater opening. For years the Theatre Department has had to share (its) performance spaces with many other departments around the school," Fields said. "It will give us our own space to learn, practice and perform in."

Although the historic look of the exterior of the theater has been preserved, the inside of the facility has been remodeled with modern accommodations.

Bowen does have some concerns about how the theater will be accepted by the community.

"We hope people don't think we are renovating it to the original 1935 status as solely a theater. It is a black box theater but it's nothing like when there was a sloped



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This upstairs office, still with the theater's original hardwood floors, has a view of downtown Milledgeville.

floor, a main stage and balcony upstairs," Bowen said.

With a three-in-one design, concerns may come up about one part of the theater interfering with another.

"I am a little torn about the theater having a coffee shop and bookstore. I was very excited about us having our own space and a part of me thinks that the coffee shop and bookstore takes away from that," Fields said.

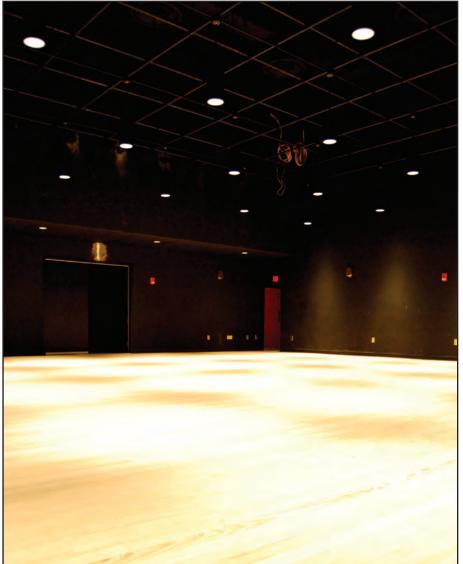
That said, the renovations should allow for plenty of flexibility without interference.

"We have ways to keep the coffee shop, bookstore and theater separate. This is why there are so many doors. For example, if the theater has an after-hours production, people can buy their tickets at the front booth and go around to the side entrance of the building while the bookstore and coffee shop are closed," Bowen said.

Students who were not familiar with the theater before the renovations won't fully understand all of the changes that were made, Bowen said.

History can still be found in little pieces throughout the building. Original flooring, stairs, a ticket booth and brick walls inside give glimpses into the past.

"It is amazing. It doesn't even look like the same place. We are glad it has worked out so well for us. We are sort of afraid that the people will step in for the first time and see it and say that it looks nothing like it used to when they came in as teenagers," Bowen said. "I think they will be amazed at how it turned out."



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The new black box theater will allow theater students to get up close and personal with the audience as well as move set pieces in and out quickly and with ease.



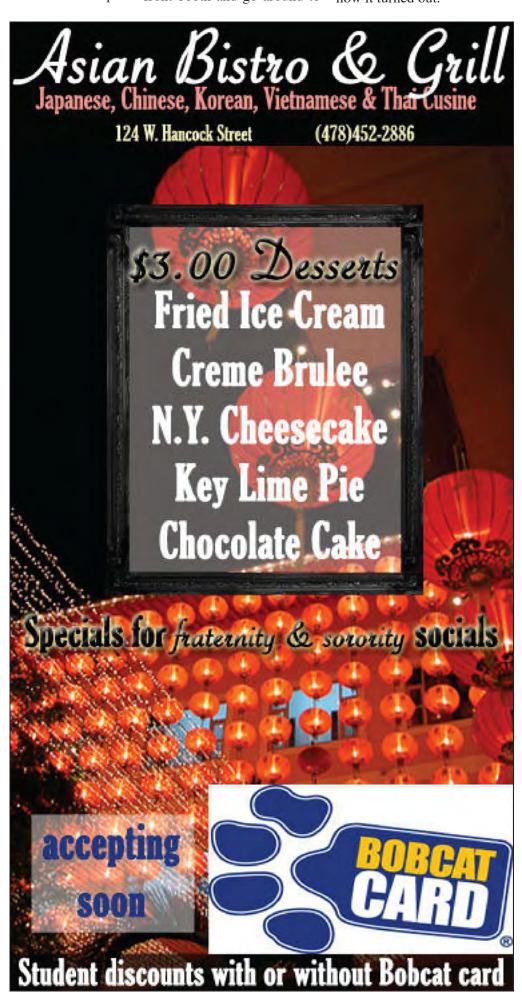
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Mark Bowen, GCSU's project manager, points out the new dressing rooms. Theater students will be able to take full advantage of the newly installed showers and washerdryer pair in the comfort of their own space.



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Local ice cream and candy shop Scoops closed this past week. The front of the store has been covered and a "For Rent" sign hangs in the window. Scoops first opened in 2007. The brightly colored store was a favorite among students and Milledgeville residents alike. With the closing, those sweettooth cravings will have to be satisfied some place else.

Spring class additions offer new opportunities

BY DANIELLE PALUGA STAFF WRITER

New classes have been added to the GCSU curriculum this semester in hopes of encouraging student interest. Two of these new classes — a model U.N. class and a course about modern Eastern Europe — focus on the world today.

According to the GCSU Web site, the college encourages professors to add new

"Our flexible curriculum allows professors to create new courses reflecting their areas of interest and expertise," the Web

According to the GCSU registrar's office, departments add new classes on a

Dr. Roger Coate, who teaches the Model U.N. course, said he found it easy to

"There were no problems adding the course because Dr. Steve Elliott-Gower took it as overload. No one was going to

say no to a free course," said Coate. Coate is the Paul Coverdell Professor of Policy and an internationally known ex-

pert on the United Nations. Elliott-Gower, who is also teaching the class, said that the course was offered due

to student interest. "It was specifically, as a result of a se-

ries of conversations between myself and student Paul Danaj," Elliott-Gower said. Danaj, a junior international economics

major, also minoring in Spanish, is president of the Model U.N. Club. "Since the meeting time of the club is at

night it was hard for many of the members

to come. Making it a class may serve to get people more interested," Danaj said.

The class is divided into two separate parts. One day, usually Thursdays, the class goes over the basic foundation of the U.N. as well as its history. They also explore the scope of the organization. The other day that the class meets, Tuesdays, students simulate what it is like to be a member of the U.N. There is also a practicum to prepare the members for the conferences that the club attends.

The class is different from regular meetings of the Model U.N. Club because it includes the expertise of the professors teaching it.

"I obviously have limited experience with the U.N. and the teachers have much more. We get to learn from them," Danaj

One day Danaj wants to work for the U.N. and the class brings people with similar interests and goals together.

There are also numerous upper-level courses on special topics offered. They change from time to time.

The one that has been added for this semester is a class on Modern Eastern Europe. Dr. William Risch, the professor of the course, added it through the department chair. There is also a graduate version of the class.

"I hope to make this course a permanent part of our department's curriculum," Risch said.

The class briefly goes over the history of Eastern Europe and the area's not-sodistant struggles with Communism. It also concentrates on the area, as it exists

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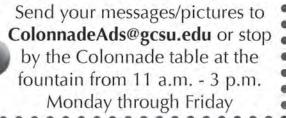
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Bell tower, recycling top SGA's goals for spring semester

"SGA is

prepared to do

everything it can

to see that the

need for student

recycling is met."

-Kayla McCollam

SGA Vice President

BY COURTNEY KELLY STAFF WRITER

For the Student Government Association, the start of the spring semester means new goals and plans that will address the GCSU student body's growing wants and needs, such as the creation of a campus recycling program, alongside other projects.

One of SGA's top priorities is to begin the planning and implementation of a campus recycling program in direct response to the voices of a large number of students.

"Over the past semester there has been an overwhelming desire from the student body for a recycling program ... (and) SGA is prepared to do everything it can to see that the need for student recycling is met," said Kayla McCollam, president of SGA.

During the past year, movements such as the support of a green fee and cam-

pus recycling drives have helped bolster the desire for a more environmentally friendly atmosphere.

"I think (the program) is a great idea," junior Summer Whittington said. "Recycling is something simple that we as students can do to make a difference, and I'm glad it's finally getting started."

Another project SGA is heading is the planning and construction of a new bell tower. With the assistance of former Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., an effort led by Dr. Kurt Hofmann, former vice president of Student Affairs, the U.S. Congress gave a historic navy bell to the school back when the university's athletic teams were known as the Georgia College Colonials. The bell was rung inside the Centennial Center during basketball games. However, upon entering the Peach Belt Conference in 1990, the bell was put into storage because the conference prohibits the use of artificial noisemakers during games.

"It's time to bring that tradition back and build a site for it," SGA President Zach Mullins said, "so that we can ring it after we win a game, before a game starts or something like that."

The tower will be completely dona-

"It probably will take a while (to raise money)," Mullins said, "but I'm in it for

the long haul." The project is still in the planning stage, and Mullins is now working with Physical Plant on the bell tower's designs.

SGA is also planning on working with Milledgeville's Historic Preservation Commission to allow letters on the three Greek houses that are officially registered with the city

of Milledgeville: Delta Zeta located at 311 W. Montgomery St., Alpha Delta Pi located at 150 Clark St., and Zeta Tau Alpha located at 201 N. Columbia St.

SGA also plans to work with other Greek organizations that register a house with the city.

SGA has numerous goals for the spring semester. The easiest way students can provide the body with feedback through the designated contact form under the student tab in myCATS.

"While we're trying to do something for the student body as a whole, we're also trying to help everyone individually as well," Mullins said. "We're trying to not only skim the surface but dive down deep."

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BY COURTNEY MURRAH STAFF WRITER

The Pickle Barrel Café reopened its doors at a new location this past Monday, meaning GĈSU students and others can once again enjoy the restaurant's popular fried pickles and other items on the menu. An Oct. 17 fire at the business' old location caused it to temporarily close.

"We knew it would happen quick," manager Ethel Harris said of the reopening. "Everybody was ready to get back to work."

The restaurant's new location is at 1892 N. Columbia St., in front of the Kroger shopping center, in what was formerly South of Philly.

The walls are still lined with sports memorabilia, along with television screens.

Harris said most of the staff from the old location will be returning.

"Pretty much everybody's coming back," Harris said. "I'm going to have to hire a few more."

A Facebook page for the restaurant updated people on the progress being made at the new location. There are currently over 1,500 fans signed up on the page. Many fans, including GCSU students, have posted what they have missed about the restaurant over the last several months.

The fire that closed the business' old location at 1880 N. Columbia St. is not known, Harris said, but foul play was not suspected by authorities.

Alison Kuhlke, a senior



COURTNEY MURRAH / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Pickle Barrel Café reopened at its new location on Jan. 18. While the location has changed, sports memorabilia and televisions still line the walls.

Pickle Barrel "only a few times" before it burned down, but plans on returning now that it has

"I probably will go check it out just to see if anything is different," Kuhlke said.

Keri Allgood, a senior mass communication major, did not know about the fire until she saw the outside damage for her-

"I ate there a lot my freshman year," Allgood said. "Every time my parents or family would come into town, we would go eat there. We really liked the food. Fried pickles were obviously our favorite thing.

Allgood and others have looked forward to the reopening, but are unsure if it will be entirely

"I'm really excited," Allgood said. "I hope the

will definitely be eating there soon.'

The Pickle Barrel Café will have its Wing Nite on Wednesdays from 5-11 p.m. and a happy hour daily from noon to 7 p.m. The full-service bar is also open Sundays. There will still be trivia nights, but it's not yet known when they will start back.

Like Allgood, senior art major Lauren Nesmith found out about the fire at the old location when she drove by it one day.

While Nesmith can see herself making a visit in the future, she said she's not one of those in a rush to stop by the new loca-

"I would (eat there) because of the food they used to have, but the location that it's in now, just what was there before was weird," Nesmith said. "I'm just weirded out by that location, but I prob-

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fully bring some big-name bands one

In the past, GCSU has brought artists like Cartel, Shop Boyz and Sister Hazel to a field on West Campus. This year, the music will be heard at the Centennial Center in an effort to keep concertgoers out of the February cold.

"I thought last year's show was great," sophomore business major Geoffrey Wright said. "But I think it will be even better this year. I haven't heard of MuteMath, but I'm a Sean Kingston

The Homecoming concert will have free admission for current GCSU students. General admission will be \$10. The Homecoming Committee is in the midst of making plans for GCSU shuttles to run throughout the concert event for the convenience of students.

Unlike previous years, there will be no alcoholic drinks allowed inside this year's event. However, the alcohol ban could be lifted if a proposed tailgating policy change is approved.

"If the tailgating policy is passed, and we assume it will be, it will apply to the

For more information on Homecoming 2010

www.homecoming.gcsu.edu

concert. SGA will be voting on that next week," SGA Sen. Billy Grace said.

The festivities during Homecoming week will not be limited only to the concert. In fact, SGA plans to bring back several events that were started in previous years such as the parade, Bobcat Ramble, and the Blue and Green Trivia College Bowl.

During the week, there will also be two baseball games, one softball game and of course, the Homecoming basketball games against Columbus State University.

We are trying to be very careful to preserve the traditions that we have and also highlight the new traditions that we have started like the concert," Mullins said. "The focus right now is building up the theme for future Homecomings and hopefully making the program a lot bigger in the future."









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New wellness center enters design stages

BY KATELYN HEBERT SENIOR REPORTER

The executive committee of the planning group for the planned new wellness center at West Campus met this past Monday to address various design options for the building. The group was joined via teleconference by the design team who gave a presentation of the different options for the facility.

Included in the plans will be an aquatics area, support zone, gymnasium, jogging track, sun deck and healing garden, along with space for Health Services, various classrooms and multipurpose rooms.

The outside layout that is being considered has two separate entrances to make the building more accessible to students.

"We wanted to make sure it wasn't pushing people away and housed the opportunity to invite people into the center. We realize that people are going to be taking the shuttle and they are also going to be driving and the majority of the parking is going to be back there so we are wanting to accommodate that," Student Government Association President Zach Mullins said.

Two groups — an executive body and a steering committee comprised of faculty, staff and students, were created to help make design decisions.

"The steering committee is really the hands on, the nittygritty so that's where it's good that we're on there as students so we can put that input where needed," said SGA Sen. Evan Karanovich, a representative on the steering committee.

Student opinion is considered in every decision made regarding the center. Each class that is considered a stakeholder in the project has a representative. Mullins is the junior class representative, while sophomore Evan Karanovich and freshman Derek Jett represent their respective classes.

"Throughout the entire process, we are shooting to keep the student representatives on pretty much every committee meeting there is, whether it be the user groups, the steering committee or the executive committee," Mullins said.

Last week, four smaller user groups were created to focus more specifically on each area of the facility, including the natatorium, the wellness and fitness



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Possible design options for the new wellness center on West Campus were presented this past Monday by the design team to the executive committee of the planning group for the facility. The executive committee is composed of students, faculty and staff.

area, the gym and multi-purpose area, and the health and counseling area.

'We're sort of using this tiered structure of the whole design theme and the whole thing here on campus so that the day-to-day

users and the people who will be administrating that area each day have direct say on what needs to be in there and what will best make that space be utilized for the students," Mullins said. There is a pretty concrete

idea of where the building will be placed but progress is being made to get all of the plans finalized. They are looking to break ground on the project hopefully sometime this calendar year, according to Mullins.

Greek village

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Greek village would require bonds be issued for construction and that the Greek organizations agree to rent their beds and pay a chapter fee for common areas in order to generate the revenue to pay off those bonds," Harshbarger

One of the benefits of a Greek village would be a shared utilities building big enough to hold entire chapters. Those if favor of a larger space for Greek life say it is needed because the large number of Greek students can make reserving a campus space for meetings extremely difficult. A new space would also address recruitment, one of the biggest perceived problems in

Greek life, they say. Recruitment currently takes place on campus to secure an even playing field between chapters with and without suitable houses. A Greek village could allow more flexibility and accommodations for the recruitment process. Proponents of the West Campus site say the houses would consist of six to 20 beds, but the proximity of The Village would provide overflow housing for students wishing to live near the houses.

"Although a Greek village would certainly expand Greek life and benefit the Greek system, having Greek houses known for throwing parties close to

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GREEK LIFE

GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS

The Village raises concerns about noise levels, through traffic and overall safety," said Lauren Marrone, junior biology major and current Village resi-

The appearance of the buildings also raises apprehension among some Greek members who want a personalized house beyond their Greek letters. Phi Kappa Alpha member and junior business management and accounting major Cody Bounds stressed that he does not want to see cookie-cutter houses.

Regulations, price tags, customization and the future of already established houses are likely to be a few of the issues raised by

Greek organizations during the feasibility study.

"We are ready to accept more oversight. There will be some growing pains, but we will gain a lot of opportunities and credibility," said Mason Davis, a Pi Kappa Alpha member and sophomore general business major. "A Greek row would be a huge cornerstone we could build

With The Village, West Campus Center and an intramural field complex already in the area, as well as a new wellness center in the works, the potential plans for a Greek village show that, as Harshbarger observed, West Campus is "turning into a destina-

University Senate sets its sights on core curriculum

BY AMANDA BODDY SENIOR REPORTER

With the beginning of a new semester, GCSU's University Senate is continuing to press on toward its goals for the 2009-10 academic year. The Senate is made up of 53 senators and meets once a month to vote on decisions that will affect GCSU faculty, staff and students.

Among other things, the Senate plans to look into a plus/minus grading scale which, according to Dr. Ken McGill, chair of the Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy Department and presiding officer-elect of the Senate, has been practiced in the University System of Georgia. If GCSU were to implement a plus/minus scale, the criteria for the grade scale would be adjusted. The Senate also expects to look into a quality enhancement plan, or QEP.

"A QEP is basically what can we do to make what we do better," McGill said.

McGill also said the Senate plans on tackling questions about minimum transfer requirements, as well as having a complete program review. The senators will be discussing core class requirements for each degree program and voting on appropriate changes, if necessary. McGill explained that the Senate will be discussing the core curriculum after some mention that it could be too similar to that of a high school curriculum.

'The idea is that the core will be more based on the liberal arts," McGill said of the possible changes.

Among the 53 senators are two student representatives, Student Government Association President Zach Mullins and Vice President Kayla McCollam.

"The best way for students to be involved is to stay in contact with their stu-

University Senate Spring goals checklist

✓ Plus/minus grading scale

✓ "Impact Response Report"

Minimum transfer requirements

✓ Core class requirements

✓ Amnesty policy for students

✓ Alcohol at tailgating

✓ "Core Task Force Update"

✓ Quality enhancement plan

GRAPHIC BY KATELYN HEBERT

dent representatives," McCollam said.

The Senate expects to come to a decision on a possible amnesty policy for students as well as a policy on alcohol use during tailgating, McCollam said.

The next meeting of the University Senate will take place Monday at 12:30 p.m. in Arts & Sciences room 2-72. According to the Senate's Web site, the meeting will include discussion of unfinished business as well as new agenda items including a Core Task Force update and an Impact Response Report.

More information on Senate members its agenda can be found at http://oldcapitol.gcsu.edu/senatemembers/default.



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Remodel

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omore exercise science major Kelsey Fosnough said she would like to see in would be for the dining hall's tables to be arranged better.

"I think that would be good, having a change," Fosnough said.

The renovations will change the dining hall's layout, with what Cullars called a platform dining concept.

"Around the dining room, we'll have one station that's an Italian station, we'll have another station that's a deli, we'll have another station that's a grill, and that kind of thing," Cullars said. "So we'll spread all that around the dining room, we'll have seating in between those, and we'll have different themes for each of those areas."

Regarding the timing of the renovation work, Cullars said it would begin after the 2011 spring semester. The plan is to have the renovations completed by the time the 2011 fall semester begins.

The work could affect people who use Main Campus during the 2011 summer, such as those taking part in summer camps, conferences, orientation sessions and students attending summer classes.

"We'll have to make other arrangements to accommodate those needs," Cul-

Sophomore pre-engineering major Morris Jones gave the planned renovation work a cautious endorsement, depending on where the money for the upgrades comes from. But, there was one thing that would get him fully behind the renova-

"If they have trays (for food), I'm for it," Jones said.

Make a note of it

The GIVE Center and the women of Greek Life will be putting on a prom trunk show for Sequins and Smiles, the service group on campus that is dedicated to providing formal wear for high school students in the area who cannot afford to attend proms/formals.

The trunk show will be held at Magnolia Ballroom on Feb. 11 at 5 p.m.

Women from every Greek organization on campus have been volunteering their time to promote the event. They also have been working hard to collect dresses that are of modern taste and are in good condition, something that often

proves difficult.

They will continue to prepare for the event by working with local businesses, asking for donations as well as gifts in an effort to provide the high school students with other prom necessities such as hair and nail appointments, shoes, make up and jewelry.

Earlier this week more than 30 Greek women spent at least five hours each working to clean, sort, organize and revamp the Sequins and Smiles closet in addition to promoting the event by making flyers and visiting local busi-

Digital Bridges

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Not only does the center work with those looking for employment, but it also focuses on helping local businesses, both established and emerging, with implementing technology.

"People wanted to learn basic technology stuff for their businesses. Like what kind of server should I have? How often should I update my computer? How secure is the information on my drives?" Pendergast said. "People have a lot of those questions."

Although new, Digital Bridges has found support and partnerships within Milledgeville, such as Yearwood Technology Group and Cogentes, a technology company that has helped Digital Bridges equip the center and make contacts with local businesses. In addition, it works closely with the Milledgeville Chamber of Commerce, holding monthly workshops for businesses to learn about using technology.

While one of the project's main goals is to foster small businesses, the Knight Community Innovation Center is just as much for GCSU students as it is for the Milledgeville community.

"It's their center too," Holder said. "(Students) don't have to be here in a formal capacity through class or anything. If they want to work together, this is a place they can go."

Katie Hanna, a junior special education major, began working with Digital Bridges this past fall after receiving a scholarship from the Knight Foundation. She works 10 hours a week for the center, including teaching classes or working on her own individual project. This past semester her project involved reprogramming an \$8,000 device she found at the school where she was a student teacher.

"I wanted to do it based off special needs because that was my area of study," Hanna said. "It'd be silly to go any other

This semester Hanna will be working with the Oconee Georgia Network for Educational and Therapeutic Support helping teachers get familiar with SMART boards.

"They've had the initial training, but that initial training doesn't make them comfortable with the technology they use," Hanna said. "That's my goal in education anyway, to teach teachers. I'm really excited that this next project's going to let me help teachers with their projects if they have issues."

Not only will Hanna and two graduate assistants be working with the initiative, but so will Renee Fontenot's small business class. The class will meet at the center for consultations with 10 small businesses clients, teaching about the dif-



GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS

ferent ways technology can help improve businesses.

While the facility is not yet ready, Digital Bridges is working hard to get everything completed. There will be several events leading up to the grand opening, which is scheduled for sometime in March.

However, those interested don't need to

be open to the public by the end of January, according to Holder, and it currently holds classes, such as one on basic computer skills, at the Mary Vinson Memorial Library located at 151 S. Jefferson St. In addition, it also holds lessons for small businesses at the Milledgeville Chamber of Commerce located at 130 S. Jefferson





and more!



Friday, January 22, 2010

Editor in Chief, Claire Dykes

The Colonnade's New Year's resolutions: Twitter, classifieds, new Web site

It's the start of a new semester and here at The Colonnade, we've made a few New Year's resolutions for you, our readers.

A little blue bird has taken over the dove's place as the bird of hope. Following the recent disaster in Haiti, the American Red Cross received \$35 million in donations within the first 48 hours after Tweeting that people could text "Haiti" to 90999 to donate \$10, according to The American Red Cross. This astounding response from a short-form social media outlet has encouraged The Colonnade staff to use our Twitter account — at Twitter/GCSUnade to update the GCSU community on breaking news we feel impacts your lives. Along with a 140-character description, we also intend on linking to our Web site www.GCSUnade.com to provide in-depth coverage of campus news.

Last semester, CNN.com completely re-made its Web site to be more user-friendly and interactive. We here at The Colonnade are following suit with a brand new site. Our Web editors are working hard to have this up and running by the end of March. The new site will provide a fresh new look and make it easier to navigate through the different content areas. It's our intention to continue to add to our current graphics, slideshows and podcasts.

Toward the end of the fall semester, our advertising manager began receiving an numerous phone calls asking if we could accept personal classified advertisements. At the time we could not, but starting this semester we will be providing a platform for students, faculty, staff and community members to purchase classified ads. (For more information or to submit an ad, e-mail ColonnadeAds@gcsu.edu with the subject line: Classified.)

We look forward to another semester of serving the GCSU community in the best way we know how - by providing accurate information in a timely manner. Whether you take in your news through the good old hard newsprint, via a link on Twitter or Facebook, or straight from the Web, we hope that you will continue to trust and read The Colonnade when looking for dependable information about the GCSU community.

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Independent Satire by Ian Bridgeforth

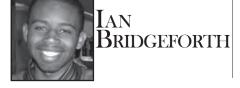




Haitian tragedy no place for politics

On Jan. 12 a horrendous tragedy fell upon the small nation of Haiti an earthquake reported to have affected over 3 million people and killed thousands. The response to this crisis was unprecedented. People from every corner of the globe flew in to give aid in any way they could. Numerous world leaders mobilized vast humanitarian efforts including two former U.S. presidents. Everyone just wanted to get these people the help they needed. No one would think any type of partisan politics could be injected into this type of tragedy, right? Well, unfortunately, this type of wishful thinking did not prove to be the case.

Within a few days of the crisis, people like Keith Olbermann and Rush Limbaugh were using the situation to instill their partisan agendas across the airwaves. Limbaugh said on his show that President Barack Obama will use this tragedy to "burnish his credibility with the black community." Olbermann shamefully used the



earthquake to promote health care

There's a time and place for politics but it seems like in this day and age, anything goes. Whoever says the most outrageous and insidious thing gets the attention while people who are trying to make real progress in this country are pushed to the back burner.

We are in a time of "gotcha" moments, replayed sound bites, and both sides of the political spectrum being fast and loose with the truth. Everyone wants to score that next political point in order to raise their profile with the American public.

Another example of this is a recent radio advertisement for Sen. John McCain's re-election campaign. It was quoted as say-

ing "President Obama is leading an extreme left-wing crusade to bankrupt America".

Yes, we've spent a very large amount of money in a very short time but deep down does Mc-Cain, R-Ariz., really think that the president's sole agenda is to lead a crusade to bankrupt his own country? Some mid-level staffer probably wrote it because they knew it would rile people up and McCain just went with it.

Sure, there will always be dirty partisan politics, but there has to be a line drawn somewhere. In a time when this country is battling double-digit unemployment, two wars overseas and plenty of other challenges, many would think that both parties could at least have some type of constructive dialogue. But it seems like each side is just increasingly playing the blame game, pointing fingers with no alternatives, spraying each other with partisan venom that poisons all of us in the middle who just want positive results.

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Satire: Steps to keep New Year's resolutions

Let's stop lying. Each year, millions of Americans make resolutions that never come true because of terrible work ethic and alcoholism. I am one of these people, but this year I'm making a change. With each resolution I have provided guaranteed steps to ensure

Steve Holbert's 2010 New Year's Resolutions:

1. I will raise my self-esteem. (Make ugly friends and visit nursing homes.)

2. I will support a charity. (Buy something (RED) from Gap.)

3. I will stop drinking. (Don't go home over long weekends, holidays or after graduation.)

4. I will convince my girlfriend's parents I'm not gay. (Get her pregnant, then get her mom pregnant.)

5. I will finally earn streetcred. (Watch "Stomp the Yard" and learn the Single Ladies dance. The latter may interfere with resolution

6. I will make a difference in a child's life. (Make a fake Hogwarts letter, put it in a kid's mailbox and watch their spirit soar higher than



STEVE HOLBERT

any hippogriff could ever take them, then leave quietly before the boy's Baptist father burns the letter and his son at the stake.)

7. I will fix my relationship problems. (Have a baby.)

8. Get on "So You Think You Can Dance." (Pick a Lady GaGa song, spend grueling hours and then sleep with the judges.)

9. I will learn to love again. (Still working on it.)

10. I will make more money than I spend. (Stop giving myself away for free.)

11. I will find a political cause I can stand behind. (Attend a Fair Tax rally and convince congressmen legalizing marijuana will be

passed sooner.) 12. I will learn to appreciate my body. (Burn Abercrombie to the ground and eat Kripsy Kreme doughnuts over the smoldering rubble.)

13. I will liberate myself from my overprotective parents. (Forego college and pursue my childhood dream of professional wrestling.)

14. I will finally answering the adorable hate mail on GCSUnade. com. (Ask each of them on a date.)

15. I will learn to read a road map. (Find addresses of hatemailers and pick them up at their houses for the dates.)

16. I will learn to build the reverse-bear trap thing from "Saw."

(Ask haters to try it on.) 17. I will justify my creative writing major by crafting the next American best-seller. (Take rough draft and add vampires, unnecessary plot twists and a conspiracy involving the Catholic Church.)

18. I will convince Angela Lansbury to marry me. (Take her out for drinks and stop chasing my tequila shots with Trix yogurt.)

19. I will become famous. (Call the National Inquirer and claim to have had an affair with Tiger Woods. May also interfere with resolution four.)

20. I will figure out exactly what is going on in a Lady GaGa music video. (Epic fail).

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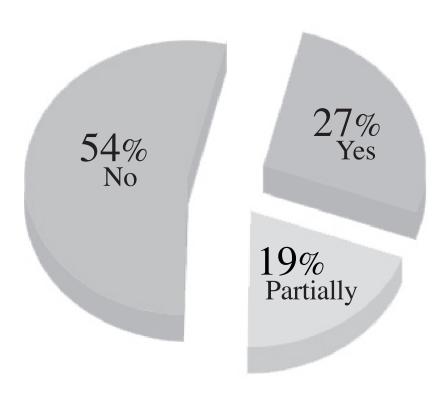
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POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE DYKES

Did you stay in Milledgeville over winter break?



Next week's question:
Have you started looking for housing for Fall 2010?

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"Did you make a New Year's resolution, and have you kept it?"



"Yes I did, to work out, and no I have not kept it. I did start a Pilates class though."

Rand Rozier, freshman, English major

"No, I didn't. I don't believe in New Year's resolutions. I am very resolute all year."

Austin Enlinger, freshman, biology major

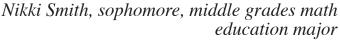




To eat more natural foods, and I have kept it. It has been hard with a meal plan."

Cally Ramminger, freshman, music therapy major

"I decided not to make a resolution this year, because I knew I would not keep it, but I did decide to dress better for class and not look like a slob."







"My New Year's resolution was to give up Dr. Pepper because I was an addict. I have kept to it!"

Caitlin McCormick, junior, nursing major

Reported by Mandy Ellis

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Just for once I want someone's Facebook status to say, "YES!!! School!!! Awesome. I want to learn!" Just once.

I think the school should get rid of all athletic programs. Currently we are paying for so much and all for the few students who play those sports. We use more than \$800 to send about 15 players to another state. Couldn't we use that money in better ways?

I hate boyfriends.

Do you know how much remorse I have about pitching your laundry from the machine after it's been sitting there forever? None. Especially when I haven't been able to do laundry for two days because of you people who have 2 months of dirty drawers.

Dear Serve: Hire more help.

T-Mobile blows the big one.

Relationships ruin lives and lose friends.

What did the baby corn say to the mother corn? "Hey! Where's popcorn?"

Get that Greek breath away from me.

What happened to The Hammer Times? I hope he's not under the tutelage of Randy Tutelage.

You can be anybody you want if you hold your nose.

Sweating my genitals off in Herty Hall. Yay construction.

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Friday, January 22, 2010 www.GCSUnade.com Editor, Ryan Del Campo

Public Safety Report

LOUD AND BOISTEROUS

According to a Public Safety report, on Jan. 15 at approximately 1:11 a.m. officer Wesley Ransom observed a group of individuals walking on the sidewalk, when one of the people began yelling at another group of pedestrians at Liberty and Hancock streets. Ransom made eye contact with the male that was yelling and the male insulted the officer with a comment regarding fellatio. Ransom performed a U-turn and parked his vehicle. As he exited the vehicle, the male started to walk away and when told to stop, he ran toward the Governor's Mansion. Additional officers arrived on scene and the male was apprehended in the parking lot of the Exchange Bank. He was extremely belligerent, yelling and cursing at the officers. While speaking with him, Ransom detected the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from him. The male was not cooperative. He was arrested and transported to Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with disorderly conduct, underage possession of alcohol and obstruction. The matter will also be referred to the student Judicial Board.

Bad Luck

According to a Public Safety report, on Dec. 31 at approximately 9:32 p.m. Sgt. Michael Baker heard gunshots coming from the 500 block of North Clarke Street. Sgt. Brian English and Sgt. Baker went on foot in the area and heard another shot going off at a residence. Both Sergeants drew their weapons and approached the rear of the residence and saw a male holding a shotgun. He was instructed to drop his weapon. He complied, and he was placed in handcuffs while the shotgun was secured. It was determined that the male was shooting the shotgun in the ground for luck prior to the new year. The male was issued a citation for discharging a firearm within city limits. The shell casings were taken into evidence and the gun was returned.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, Jan. 22 - Thursday, Jan. 28

Monday, Jan. 25

7:30 p.m. Faculty Artist Recital: Joe Philpott, clarinet - Max Noah Recital Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 26

8:30 a.m. Campus Interviews: Camp Winshape - 232 Lanier Hall

6-8 p.m. Vagina Monologues auditions - Women's

Wednesday, Jan. 27

12:30 p.m. Times Talk - Beeson Hall lower level
6-8 p.m. Vagina Monologues auditions - Women's Recource Center

Recource Center

Thursday, Jan. 28

8 a.m. From Fossils to Space Workshop - Herty Hall

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SHOTS FIRED

According to a Public Safety report, on Jan. 1 at approximately 12:15 a.m. officer Wesley Ransom, officer Tron Smith and Sgt. Brian English responded to the area of Wayne and Mitchell streets to assist the Milledgeville Police Department for a call of shots fired. As they approached a residence on East Mitchell Street, they observed a male striking a revolver, trying to dislodge a spent casing from the cylinder. There was also another male and female at the residence. Verbal commands were given to the individuals to keep their hands visible and to drop the weapon. Contact was made with a 19-year-old male who had the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from him. When given a breathalyzer test, he registered .098. A check of the weapon found that the serial numbers had been filed off. He was arrested and transported to the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and charged with underage possession of alcohol, discharging a firearm while under the influence of alcohol and felony use of article with altered identification marks. The other two subjects were released from the scene.

Information based upon a submission to The Colonnade by Public Safety.



www.GCSUnade.com Section Editor, Claire Kersey

Artist explores world beyond appearances

Unique instruments, repurposed items on display in Blackbridge

BY CLAIRE KERSEY SENIOR REPORTER

Friday, January 22, 2010

The amplified drip of water droplets, the grating of metal against metal and the vibrations of passing traffic surround visitors to Blackbridge Hall.

Sound is the focal point of the latest Blackbridge gallery exhibit, "Reality and Appearance." Over the course of six months, artist Ernesto Gómez has built several instruments out of found objects, and fashioned two other pieces out of discarded things, such as six-pack rings.

"Like any good sculptor, I have a very good eye and a truck, and I drive around, and when I see something I like, I grab it. I generally know when garbage pickup days are, I'll drive around and look in certain areas for certain objects.'

Gómez is a former instructor from GCSU, and is currently pursuing a master's degree at the University of Georgia. He has returned to GCSU to show his work and gave a talk about it Jan. 21.

"Everyone's been really welcoming and it's good to see my old friends, Gómez said. "I spent all last term making this body of work, so when you have something in your brain, and you bring it back to where you envision it's going to be, it's really a satisfying experience."
Gómez was approached by curator

Carlos Herrera last year about doing a show, and jumped at the chance, partnering with Herrera to determine what would go into the show, which will be on display until Feb. 5.

"It was really wonderful to work with somebody who was in the arts, who deals with artists, who can give me another opinion, because in grad school, all you are given is opinions, and that's what you're paying to do is receive opinions and feedback," Gómez said. "Having the focus of this show really helped me.'

In this show, the role of sound is interspersed with the reusing of old materials. A part of an old 4x4 truck is mounted to the wall, with metal strings coming out of it. The other end of the gallery showcases a piece titled "Do Not Use," made of coils of scrap wood salvaged



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Ernesto Gómez plays one of his self-invented instruments, made from part of an old truck. Working with tones and found objects is a central

from UGA. The piece began as a 6-foot coil and has since grown to 60 feet in

"Everything in this room is something that's metal, steel, water or wood. It's in-

dustry producing tone," Gómez said.
While the sound of dripping water or the tones of someone playing the instruments often fills the gallery, the perception of silence is also important.

'Silence plays a big part in the work.

If you listen very deeply, there's a little hum, there's people in the hallway, there might be a car driving by; all those things, those ambient tones and environmental tones became very important to me. They became a musical score and they became music to me."

Sound has always been fascinating to Gómez. A "hammer," fashioned from a nut and bolt, hangs from his key ring, where it has sat since 1993. As he walks

by something that looks like it will make a good noise, he hits it with the hammer. It serves as a litmus test for materials that could be used in his work.

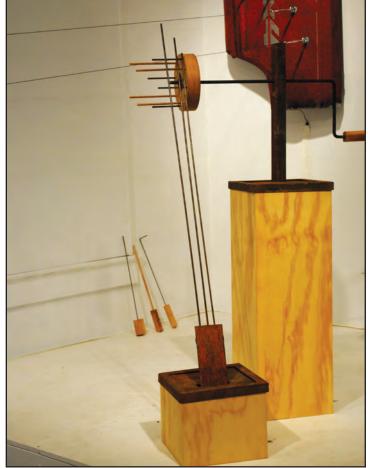
"If it rings a tone, and it's available, I will take that object. I'm not stealing, it's usually garbage or trash or something," Gómez said. "I have certain tones I look for, certain squeaks, there's a lot of har-

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"Do Not Use" is a piece made of scrap pieces of wood that were salvaged from a scrap bin at the University of Georgia. The coiled piece measures approximately 60 feet in length.



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An instrument, operated by a hand crank, sits on a slightly raised platform. The instruments can be played by anyone who visits the gallery.

A day in the life of a shuttle driver

BY MATT ROGERS STAFF REPORTER

An alarm clock shatters a man's slumber. It reads 5:05 a.m. He arrives at work between 6:30 and 7 in the morning. He reads the board to see his bus assignment for that day. He grabs the keys, a radio and punches in his time card. He checks the bus' oil, other engine fluids, the lights and tire pressure. He then drives it into position and begins work.

This is how one GCSU shuttlebus driver, Mark Sullivan, starts his day. But this isn't how his days always began.

Once he was at Camp Drum, New York, a U.S. Army Reserve training center. The gargantuan tanks rolling through would tear

up the dirt roads in the camp. Sullivan and his fellow soldiers would work 12-hour days resurfacing those roads, replacing the dirt that the tanks ripped through and the rain washed away. It was grunt work, but much better than guard duty.

"Guard duty is like having to wash dishes for the next week," Mark said.

A five-mile trip 20 times a day can get dull fast. Sullivan mostly drives a shuttle from West Campus to Main Campus and the oncampus shuttle, but occasionally he gets the opportunity to break that monotony. He also drives some of the sports teams when they have away games or when the art, history or English departments book a field trip. The

longest of those trips has been to North Carolina. After the long trips, the short campus trips aren't

"(The campus trips) don't seem so bad," Mark said. "I can be where I gotta go in five minutes."

To drive a 40-passenger shuttle takes more skill than a four-door sedan, but Sullivan has driven vehicles that make the large shuttle look like a Mini Cooper. Sullivan commandeered a vehicle known in the Army as a "2-90." The 2-90s tires alone are taller and bigger than most grown men, measuring 6 feet, 6 inches tall. From the floor of the vehicle to the ground below is 15 feet. The 2-90, fully loaded, weighs 105

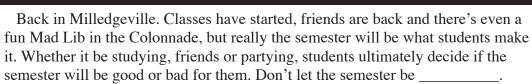


Mark Sullivan stands next to the shuttle that he drives from West Campus Driver page 13 to Main Campus. He has worked as a shuttle driver for three years.

2010 MAD LIBS!

Spotlight

By: Stephanie Sorensen



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to drop some and maybe even pick up a
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this year. Last
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(ADJECTIVE)
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(Noun)
couple of nights in Of course being back has its
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Students resolve to change habits

Sticking with resolutions challenging for some

BY CASSIE MELVIN STAFF WRITER

Eat healthier. Hit the gym every day. Go home to visit Mom and Dad more often. Study harder. Making a list of New Year's resolutions is effortless, but sticking with those goals throughout the year is the challenging part.

As GCSU's spring semester began Monday, the Wellness Depot was flooded with students eager to begin new workout regimens. According to records, 629 people signed in at the Depot on Monday, which was a significant increase from the weeks leading up to Christmas break.

"I am going to go to the gym more and actually work on parts of my body that I don't like the most," senior community health major Amber Green said.

"... the
discipline it
takes to stick
with an exercise
program will
spill over into
other parts of
your life."

—Joe Samprone, GCSU crosscountry coach The most popular resolutions deal with losing weight and exercising. However, many people fail to remain motivated and end up quitting what they had committed to during the beginning of the year.

According to a national survey, 45 percent of Americans set a New Year's resolution. However, only 8 percent of those are effective in accomplishing their goals. Many fail within the first couple of weeks. Over half the people who make resolutions will give up after six months.

With such bleak statistics, it can be difficult to stay motivated.

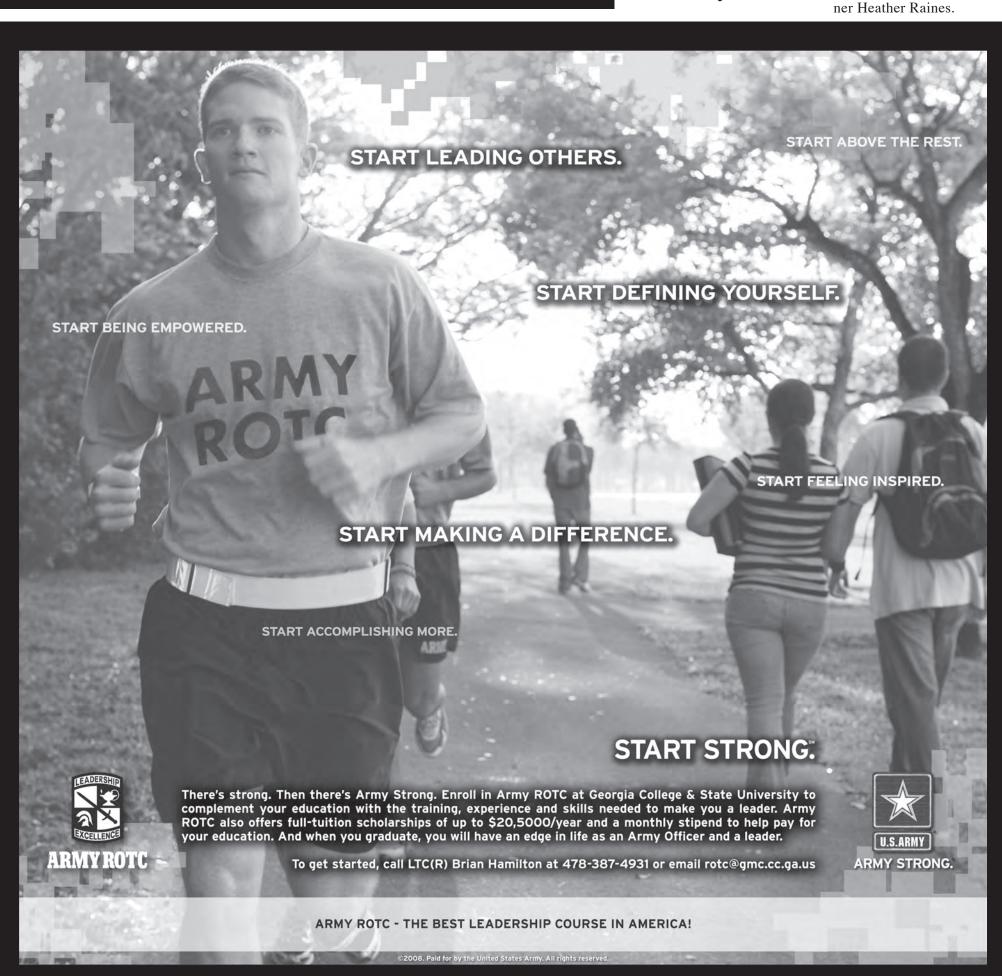
Often, students tend to get tired of going to the gym or eating the right way. Thinking about the outcome can sometimes increase motivation and help people stay on track.

Joe Samprone, GCSU cross country coach for eight years, said he believes that, in the end, a person will feel better about themselves by accomplishing his objectives.

"If you succeed and stick with (an exercise program), you'll not only feel better, but the discipline it takes to stick with an exercise program will spill over into other parts of your life," Samprone said.

Having a partner could motivate, energize and inspire a person to keep up with their daily routine.

"With running I stay motivated by ... making people hold me accountable," said senior mass communication major and cross-country runner Heather Raines.



GIVE Center to enter **Purple Glove contest**

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dance video

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STAFF WRITER

The GIVE Center staff at GCSU is promoting cancer awareness by entering a video dance contest to raise money for the

American Cancer Society and Relay for Life. With the help of students around campus and the GIVE Center staff, GCSU is preparing a purple glove dance video.

A pink glove dance video has been created in the past to promote breast cansurvival awareness.

"I saw the pink glove dance video on YouTube and originally wanted to recreate that idea to promote help cancer awareness," senior Jaquie Beute said. The purple

glove dance video will consist of large and small groups as well as individual shots of people dancing with purple gloves on. The purple gloves can be purchased at www.4thefight.com. A portion of the proceeds will be contributed to the American Cancer Society.

Leslie Spamer, a sophomore business major, said: "I think this is such a wonderful way to raise money and I want to help out in every way possible, considering

> my mom is a breastcancer survivor."

The winner of the competition will be decided July 31 at midnight, based on the number of views on YouTube. The winner will be presented with a \$5,000 check made out to the American Cancer Society.

"I started a Facebook group to see if there was any interest, and I've been amazed by the response," Beute said. "As far as how many people are involved, I would love to have as many people who are interested in the video, if not in individual shots, in a large group."

Beute along with the GIVE center staff will be helping or-

ganize and plan the video as soon as the purple gloves arrive.

"I hope that everyone in the group comes out to get in the video," Beute said.

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monics involved."

Ernesto

Gómez also explores the power of sound through his musical endeavors. He is a part-time member of Milledgeville group Voodoo Panther, and makes up one-half of the experimental duo called Gómez encourages the viewer to in-

teract with his work. The instruments

Blackbridge Hall.

"I want them to be very approachable, that's why I erected this stage. It's a slight step up, but hopefully that's inviting to people to come express yourself," Gómez said. "People are bringing life back into these objects that I have built for them to play.'

With these invented instruments, the gallery can fill with the cacophony of sound, some good and some bad. But Gómez enjoys that aspect.

"I think the beauty of inventing an instrument is that no one can play it wrong," Gómez said.

Driver

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used to haul dirt.

"(The 2-90) is like a rolling dump truck," Mark said.

Now retired from the Army, this past Thanksgiving marked Sullivan's third year working for GCSU as a shuttle driver. While most of the shuttle drivers are pleasant to ride with, Sullivan is known for taking extra steps to get to know students who ride his shuttle. He knows many by name. One girl he nicknamed "Trouble" and always jokes about how she goes looking for just that.

Sullivan has a family as well. His wife, Karen, also works for GCSU as a supervisor for the Village Market at West Campus. They usually eat lunch together whenever he is working on campus. They have a daughter who is in her first year of law school. She has been a successful student, but Sullivan says

"No need to thank me, you should thank (the passengers)."

-Mark Sullivan, GCSU shuttle driver

neither he nor Karen have ever pressured her to make perfect grades.

"Karen and I weren't the best in school." Sullivan said. "We just told her to do her best."

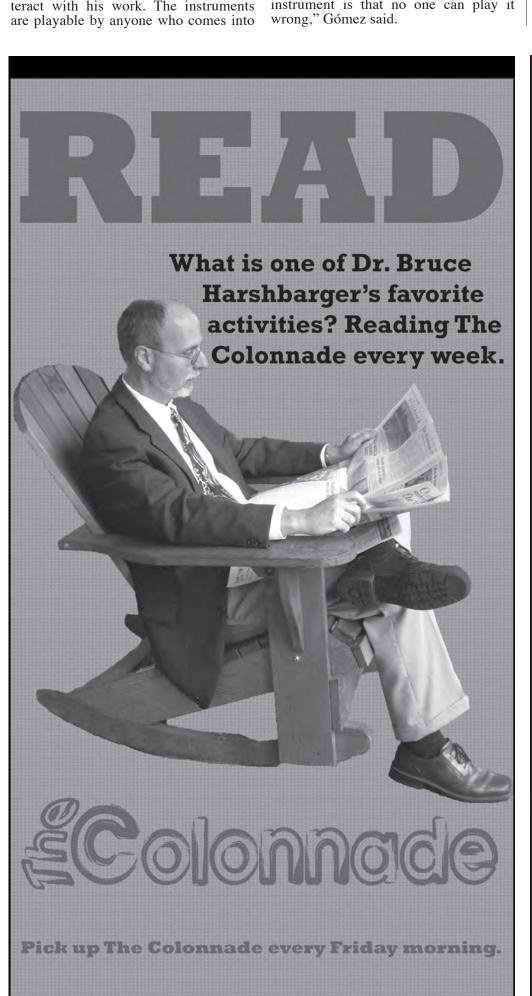
Sullivan's responsible manner as a parent also translates into his work. Students know that trying to catch a shuttle can be quite a task. It is the job of the driver to look out for any stragglers trying to get on at the last second, but Sullivan can't see them all. Occasionally a few students on the shuttle may spot someone trying to flag down the bus and they will speak up and let him know. When the person gets on the shuttle, they usually thank him.

"No need to thank me," Sullivan says, pointing to his passengers. "You should thank them."



FILE PHOTO

Auditions for the fifth annual production of "The Vagina Monologues" will be held Jan. 26-27, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Women's Resource Center, located in MSU 143. Auditions are open to any female interested.





Metropolis Café offers Mediterranean flavors





BY CLAIRE DYKES SENIOR REPORTER

Since the start of the spring 2009 semester, Bad Habit sold its last tater-tot, Chops changed to Oxfords then reverted to Chops, Scoops's Wonka-like decorations are in the dark, but Golden Pantry's checkout line flows out of the door at the 2 a.m. bar-closing time with its specialty, a warm spicy chicken biscuit. The trick: finding a niche.

Hookahs and kabobs are the spicy chicken biscuit of downtown's newest eatery, Metropolis Café.

Family-owned Metropolis opened its teal doors at 138 N. Wayne St. next to Deano's Pizza and Italian in December. Boasting a vegan-friendly menu consisting of primarily Mediterranean dishes such as hummus, falafel and tabouli, it caters to stereotypical broke college students — nothing is over \$10.

"It's interesting and different," vegetarian Chelsea Losh, a senior English major said. "We (vegetarians) have been waiting for something other than stir-fry vegetables. Vegetarian dishes are characteristic of Mediterranean food. I tried the baba ganouj, which I usually don't like, but it was good."

The restaurant is divided into three sections. A back room and deck allow for smoking hookah, a water pipe used to smoke flavored tobacco. Servers set up the pipe, and customers can choose from over 20 flavors. It generally takes about 30 minutes to burn through one

"I like (the flavors) lemonade and double apple the best," said Deepak

The front room has table seating and a bar that offers beer, wine, and by the end of February, expects spirits.

"We're just waiting on our liquor license," Julie McKinnon, a Metropolis server said.

In addition to alcohol, Deepak plans to add some cultural variety to the menu within the next few weeks.

"We're going to start serving Indian food on Thursdays," Deepak said.

Owners Rajesh Kumar and his uncle Ram Kumar own the café managed by Ram's son, Deepak Kumar. The Indian family started working in the restaurant business 20 years ago in California, and since then have opened Mediterranean restaurants in Macon and Warner Rob-

"We moved from California six years ago," Deepak said. "My dad manages the restaurant in Warner Robins and my cousin manages the one in Macon."

The majority of Deepak's hires came

from the GCSU community.

It's the best place to work downtown," said Christin Ivey, a graduate student in the MAT program. "It's laid back here, and the staff are all friends."

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Recap: Top 10 movies of 2009

BY CHRIS MOSKALY REVIEWER

10.) 'The Hangover' ("I didn't know they gave out rings at the Holocaust")

After a string of comedies that have tried to inflict lessons about love and life within a decent amount of mediocre laughs, "The Hangover" shoves all its raunchy humor right down your throat with no mercy whatsoever. You don't learn anything, and you don't walk out feeling better about yourself. If nothing else, Tom Shadyac sends you home feeling the way you did after "Old School" only instead of stripping down and

streaking, you feel pumped and ready for a wild trip to Las Vegas!

9.) 'Avatar' ("I see you")

James Cameron's new epic didn't quite reach the same level of excellence as his previous work, but it certainly broke new ground for a new dimension of computergenerated imagery effects that are sure to be matched at some point in the coming years. I credit it for its highly creative vi-

sion and the patience required to make such an effort possible, but the plot and storyline are about as predictable as a toddler's bedtime story.

8.) 'District 9' ("We just want to go

The most original film of the year. Neill Blomkamp makes a stunning directorial debut in this alien invasion saga that mixes a documentary structure with a human infiltration story that will keep you at the edge of your seat from the first to last shot.

7.) 'Invictus' ("How do we aspire ourselves to greatness when nothing less will do?")

After making the top 10 on two separate counts last year, Clint Eastwood

sport to help his struggling nation. Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon deliver a pair of iconic performances in a film that would've easily been an absolute cliché in the hands of someone else.

6.) 'Up In The Air' ("I live here")

This is likely to be the most overlooked film of the year as it snuck in at the last minute. Jason Reitman has been to the big show already with "Juno" and with George Clooney at the head of a stellar cast, "Up In The Air" is sure to be his second chance.

5.) 'The Road' ("How many people do you think are still alive?")

George Clooney

The Coen brothers fared better when they took the No. 1 spot two years ago with "No Country For Old Men," but John Hillcoat leaves nothing undone in this vivid adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. It is a dark and quiet film about a father and son who have nothing left but each other as they make their way to the coast in the aftermath of the apocalypse. Some have criticized it for feeling empty,

but anyone who really understands the book ought to know that this is not a story of epic adventure; it is a story of human survival, and an ideal vision of mankind hanging on its last limb.

4.) 'Up' ("Did that dog just say 'Hi there?'")

The best animated film since 'Monsters Inc.' Amidst the recent obsession with 3-dimensional style and form, Pixar delivers a very real story with a strong theme at the heart of its narrative. You'll laugh, you'll cry, and even for the adults, you won't forget it.

3.) 'The Hurt Locker' ("War is a

The most solid post-9/11 war movie to date. Focusing on the tour of a bombs lightens up a bit on his speechless form expert in the War on Terrorism, there in this stand-up-and-cheer film about a is not a single moment in "The Hurt very forgiving leader who believed in a Locker" where somebody's life isn't in

danger. Whether it's watching Jeremy Renner defuse bombs, or seeing the aftermath trauma that comes with such a job, Kathryn Bigelow plants us right

in the middle of a world where religious conflicts and personal duties collide on a nervewrecking path that could end within moments for those who follow it.

2.) 'Public Enemies' ("Tell Billie for me... bye bye Blackbird")

In one of his most well-crafted Michael films, Mann clashes a few memories of "Heat" with one of history's most beloved/hated criminal figures. Critics were sharply di-

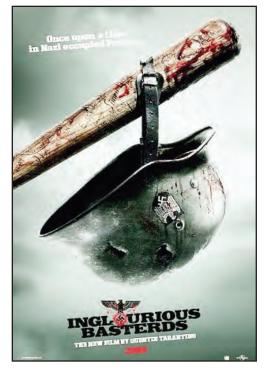
vided on how the characters remained on the same note throughout, but I don't understand why. "Bonnie & Clyde" didn't bother developing its title characters any more than it enjoyed counting the number of people they killed, and yet nobody seemed to complain about that. What's wrong with a good old-fashioned gangster picture that focuses on what they do as criminals, and not who they are as people? In my view, not one thing; especially when you've got two icons like

> Johnny Depp and Christian Bale going head-to-head.

1.) 'Inglourious Basterds' ("Once Upon A Time... in Nazi-Occupied France")

A war movie that is about anything but war. Quentin Tarantino's epic WWII fantasy is an artistic miseen-scene that celebrates the thrill enjoyment of making a war movie. From an opening scene that introduces one of the most memorable characters of

the decade all the way to the closing line that says it all, Tarantino makes the absolute best of every last second. Using a solid cast of international stars, "Inglourious Basterds" proves to be what the man himself describes as "my masterpiece." And to that I say ... "that's a Bingo!"



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Mikell's magic extends streak

Bobcats escape Columbus at buzzer for sixth straight win

BY SAM HUNT STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU men's basketball team ran its winning streak to six games in the most exciting finish of the season Wednesday, when it beat Columbus State University in an away game.

The Bobcats came into the first half with an aggressive mindset and had an 8-0 lead over the Cougars when Columbus State turned the game around. The Cougars went on a 12-0 run, to surge ahead 12-8 with 14:03 remaining in the first half.

Once Columbus State gained the lead over the Bobcats, it was able to keep the lead over GCSU for the entire first half, which ended with the Bobcats trailing the Cougars 39-28.

When the second half began, the Bobcats went on an 11-point run and tied the score at 39 when senior point guard Ty Rowland drained a 3-pointer with 16:52 remaining.

The Cougars took the lead over the Bobcats again and held it until a 3-pointer by junior point guard Andre Mikell gave the Bobcats a 48-45

From there, the lead went back and forth until, with nine seconds, remaining the score was tied 60-60. Shortly after, a Columbus State player was fouled and made one of the free throws, giving the Cougars a 61-60 lead over the Bobcats with just three seconds remaining on the clock.

Mikell took the inbounds pass, dribbled across halfcourt and launched a heavily contested 3-pointer, which he drained for the game winner, a Bobcat 63-61 victory.

The Bobcats played their first home game of 2010 a week earlier, a Wednesday night home game against Georgia Southwestern State and defeated the Hurricanes 80-42.

When the game started, GCSU was quick to get ahead and never gave up the lead over Southwestern.

The Bobcats continued to dominate the Hur-

ricanes and the blowout was on when a 3-pointer nailed by senior Jake Rios made the score 37-15 in favor of GCSU.

When just 25 seconds left in the half, Mikell

drained a two-point jumper to end the first half score at 45-16 in GCSU's favor.

When the second half began, GCSU contin-

ued to dominate over Southwestern.
With 17:04 left in the game, the Bobcats secured a 30-point lead when an Aquino layup to

set the score at 49-19.
GCSU did not let up as junior forward Reece Wiedeman made a layup with 7:49 remaining that put the Bobcats ahead of the Hurricanes by

The Bobcats earned such a huge lead over Southwestern that head coach Terry Sellers gave

40 at 68-28.



MICHAEL FORSYTH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior point guard Andre Mikell soars for a layup against Georgia Southwestern during a Jan. 13 victory. Mikell hit a three to beat Columbus State 63-61 this past Wednesday night to push the team's winning streak to six.

every player on the GCSU bench an opportunity

"Not many games in the Peach Belt end up being that big of a point spread," Sellers said. "It's great to have games where you can play every guy on the bench."

GCSU kept its lead and the game ended in a Bobcat victory with the final score of 80-42.

The Bobcats claimed their second victory of 2010 when they traveled to face Armstrong At-

lantic this past Saturday and defeated the Pirates

GCSU came into the game aggressive and was quick to take control over Armstrong Atlantic.

Not letting up, the Bobcats gained a 20-point lead when Rowland drained a 3-pointer with less 10 minutes remaining in the first, making

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Four in a row for women Road wins push Bobcats to top of PBC standings



MICHAEL FORSYTH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER Senior guard Shandrea Moore goes up in a crowd of defenders against Georgia Southwestern during a Jan. 13 victory.

BY CHANDLER LEE STAFF REPORTER

Christmas holidays are a time where GCSU students, faculty, and personnel can all depart from the hustle-and-bustle schedule of the every-day college lifestyle.

For the GCSU women's basketball team, the 13-day break from Dec. 13-26 was much welcomed and appreciated

And since returning, head coach John Carrick and his Bobcats have been on an impressive stretch that has involved six wins in seven games. Four of those victories have come against Peach Belt Conference foes.

The Bobcats stand at 11-4 overall on the season and at 4-1 in conference play they are in first place in the conference's Western Division.

GCSU has posted wins against No. 11 Clayton State, Georgia Southwestern, Armstrong Atlantic and Columbus State in conference action, while falling to Lander

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Q&A with GCSU's athletic director

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON STAFF REPORTER

A little less than four months into his new job, GCSU athletic director Wendell Staton has hit the ground running. Staton, who received a master's degree from GCSU in 1993, was named athletic director Sept. 28 after spending 13 years at fellow Peach Belt school UNC



Staton

Pembroke. In the short amount of time that he has headed up the GCSU athletic program, Staton has said he has continued to and build upon its goals and make it more well-known. His goal is simple: He wants the program to be the best. The following is from a question and answer session with the GCSU athletics director.

QUESTION: How have you enjoyed your time so far at GCSU?

STATON: "It's really been fantastic and everything I had envisioned. I was very fortunate to come into a program that has established traditions in athletics and academics. My plan is to continue and build upon those traditions so that

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THE SIDE LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS
SPORTS EDITOR

This Sunday should be one of the wildest NFL league championship Sundays ever. The four teams fighting for the two Super Bowl spots have such different stories this season, and four very compelling reasons they deserve to win the championship. I am ranking the teams based on what I think are their chances to win, starting with the least likely.

ing with the least likely. New York Jets: The underdog, wild-card winning Jets are led by their fiery head coach, Rex Ryan, a true players' coach, and at the helm is an ever-improving rookie quarterback, Mark "The Sanchize" Sanchez. A powerful running attack takes the pressure off Sanchez, allowing him to be extremely efficient and pick his spots to make plays. If the Jets can get past the Colts, I see no reason why they can't take either the Saints or Vikings in the big game.

Indianapolis Colts: The most familiar team to success in the past few seasons, Peyton Manning's Colts are once again loaded with talent on both sides of the ball. They had an extremely good chance to be only the third team to go 16-0 in the regular season, but erred on the side of caution, sitting Peyton and several starters in their final two games to finish 14-2. As usual, this is Peyton's team; he makes everyone around him better and the Colts go as he goes. A Super Bowl win would give Peyton his second ring, and likely put him solidly in the top five best quarterbacks ever.

New Orleans Saints: The city of New Orleans is quite literally hinging on the fortunes of this football team. With all the hardship the city has seen lately, the Saints are the lone sports bright spot, and what a bright spot they are. Despite a disappointing loss to Dallas which dropped them to 13-1 and put them on the same track as the Colts to sit their starters and finish 13-3, the Saints have been arguably the best team in the NFL this season. A prolific offense led by quarterback Drew Brees strikes fear into any defense, and the Saints can overcome subpar defensive performances and simply outscore anyone, similar to the St. Louis Rams of the late 1990s.

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THE SHORT STOP



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Jan. 23 1:30 p.m. @Montevallo Jan. 25 5:30 p.m. @Flagler

Quote *of the* Week

"Pants on the ground, pants on the ground, lookin' like a fool with your pants on the ground. Hat turned sideways, gold in your mouth, lookin' like a fool with

your pants on the ground!"

— Brett Favre singing 'Pants on the Ground' with his Vikings teammates after their 34-3 win over the Cowboys last Sunday. (Huffington Post)

Stat *of the* Week

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NCAA violations committed by Lane Kiffin in one season at Tennessee, which is half the number of total NFL and NCAA wins he has.

Intramural field project underway

STAFF REPORTER

We're almost halfway home to better

That's the message coming from GCSU's intramural sports department this week as the rainfall this past weekend provided a test of the recently-completed infield upgrades on the softball fields at West Campus.

"We had to wait for rain to see what adjustments needed to be made to the infields for them to drain properly," program assistant Chris Russell said.

The fields appeared fairly dry Monday afternoon, a day removed from two days of solid rainfall that drenched Milledgeville. However, crews are still putting the finishing touches on the new drainage system, using the rain as a marker to identify places that need adjustment.

The fields are still expected to be ready for play by the beginning of softball sea-

Russell said the upgrades will make future maintenance to the infields easier for intramural staff and they are hopeful weather conditions during the spring semester will be improved.

"We won't have to mix in sand to help the infields dry, which adds to how unlevel a field can be. We'll be playing 20 games a week for six weeks on these fields, and it takes a toll, but now the fields are much more equipped to handle it," Russell said.

However, the consequences may be further-reaching.

'With the new infields, the quality has improved to the point we might be able to host the state softball tournament at our fields, instead of Walter B. (Williams Park)," program assistant Stephanie Jergel said.

Jergel said the event would be first state tournament ever hosted by GCSU.

Other additions to the complex include

Calendar of intramural events:

Jan. 25 — Dodgeball/basketball seasons begin

Jan. 31 — Basketball state qualifier begins

opens

Feb. 1 — Softball registration

Feb. 19 — State basketball tournament at Georgia State

Mar. 10 (tentative) — Softball registration ends

Mar. 15 (tentative) — Softball season begins

Apr. 16 - State softball tournament begins (at Walter B. Williams Park or GCSU)

a professional-grade drag to improve the staff's ability to keep the fields smooth, and a sound system with a speaker facing each field, giving intramural staff the ability to provide music between games or make announcements to everyone at once.

As for the outfields, participants will have to wait a while before seeing marked improvements.

'We have a certain budget for this project, and we're ensuring we stay under those limits," Russell said.

"We certainly won't do anything until the infields are completely finished, and at that point we'll evaluate what we can do."

Staton

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we have the best athletic department in all phases. Milledgeville is a great community, and my goal is to keep promoting our program and university throughout the town."

QUESTION: How would you assess the state of the athletics program?

STATON: "I'm very proud of our athletics program. We won the Commissioner's Cup last year, which meant we had the best all-around athletics program in the Peach Belt Conference. That's obviously something we want to repeat this year. Also, and even more importantly, we had the highest percentage of studentathletes on the conference honor roll. We dominated the academic all conference teams. We had an academic and athletic All-American goalie with our soccer team. Another one of our soccer players is currently a semifinalist for the Wooden Cup. Our men's cross country team won the sportsmanship award, and our golf team won the ethics and sportsmanship award once again. As for the spring, we're getting ready to go into full-swing mode with our sports, where almost every sport in campus will be in action in some capacity. We're right in the thick of both men's and women's basketball, and both those teams are having good seasons. We have outstanding studentathletes and outstanding coaches and recruiters who recruit those outstanding athletes."

QUESTION: What are some of your goals and plans for the athletic program this semester?

STATON: "Obviously, we want to continue our success from last year and be a top-notch program in all phases. I want to see our department grow and to be more visible both on campus and in the community. We run a well-rounded program that covers all bases. I try to be very involved on campus and in Milledgeville. My approach is to integrate us with every component of the university. I've gone around and met a lot of people and shook a lot of hands. My biggest job is to promote the program.'

QUESTION: What are some of your plans for helping to increase attendance

at athletic events?

STATON: "I think anyone who has been to our basketball games knows that we have an unbelievable game environment. We've got a lot of different people helping to assure that it remains that way. The pep band does a great job at the games. The crowd is really involved. And the Thunder Crew has done a lot of great things in working with us, and we're thankful to them for that. Dr. Ginger Carter Miller and her public relations class have helped bring a community event to all of our home games now. We appreciate everything they do as well. I think this increased involvement is going to pay big dividends for us, and we want to see the current trend with basketball to continue to all of our sports on campus. I look forward to everyone coming out to the games and introducing themselves to me. The more folks we get to come out to these events, the better.'

QUESTION: Where do you see the

program heading?

STATON: "Our most important goal is to be the best program academically, athletically and socially. We're going to continue to have our program and student-athletes and coaches involved with community service to Milledgeville. (Longtime UCLA head coach) John Wooden's philosophy was to be the best you can be and that's my goal. I'm blessed to be in a situation like this where we have a top-notch program all the way around. As long as we're continuing to excel in all areas, we'll be in great shape for a long time to come.'

Women's hoops

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for its only conference loss this season. The key to success during this recent resur-

gence has been defensive intensity. GCSU has held its conference opponents to 60 points or less in every conference game this

"We have had a change in energy," senior center Antoinette Reames said. "We are more focused come game time."

Reames, who was sidelined with an ankle injury earlier this season, forcing her to miss two games, has come back with a vengeance. Since returning Nov. 11 against Tuskegee, Reames is averaging 11 points and 8.45 rebounds per game.

"I've been motivated more and coming into this season set personal goals for myself," Reames said. "We have a lot of potential as a team. We just have to stay focused."

During the recent defensive stand, GCSU has keyed in on rebounding more frequently, specifically on the defensive glass. The Bobcats have accumulated 217 boards in the five conference games played, 147 of which have been on the defensive end of the floor.

'Coach has kept reiterating to us that defense wins games," junior guard Dominique Huffin said. "We haven't been playing great on offense, so we have to bring our best defensive effort to every game."

The philosophy has spread to other team

members as well.

Senior point guard Shandrea Moore, averaging six assists per game in conference play, has noticed a shift in energy too.

"We are beginning to click as a team," Moore said. "Defense is going to win games for us and Coach has drilled that into our minds." GCSU most recently squared off against

Western Division foe Columbus State on Wednesday, garnering a 53-45 victory.

The Bobcats were led by Jordan's 15 points, while Reames collected her fifth double-double of the campaign with a 14 point and 10 rebound performance. Senior guard Candice Clark had 10 points.

The Bobcat game plan to limit Columbus State's senior All-American forward Phebe Smith worked to near perfection. Averaging close to 19 points per game on the year, the Bobcats were able to hold Smith to just seven points on the night.

"We kept her off the boards and limited her touches," Carrick said. "We focused on limiting her in practice and the girls responded

Smith, sister of Atlanta Hawks forward Josh Smith, was limited mainly by the strong help defense the Bobcats were able to implement.

"We brought energy tonight, did the small things right, and that equated to a win," Carrick said after the win.

The Bobcat defense was also able to hold the Cougars 25 points below their season average in scoring.

"If we keep bringing this energy, we will be fine," Carrick said. "We just have to bring energy even when we aren't playing well."

Both teams struggled offensively. GCSU shot just 35.7 percent from the field, while Columbus was held to 31.5 percent.

GCSU also defeated Armstrong Atlantic 58-50 this past Saturday in Savannah. The Bobcats were led by junior guard Chimere Jordan with 13 points, all coming in the second half. Huffin also chipped in with 10.

GCSU was able to capitalize on the Pirate turnovers, turning the 21 miscues into 18 points. The Bobcats bench added 20 in the vic-

The Bobcats shot just 31 percent from the floor in the game, reiterating the focus on defense winning games.

GCSU is now on a four-game winning streak after starting off conference play with a loss against Lander.

The Bobcats will close out its current four game road trip this Saturday at the Montevallo and again Monday at Flagler College. Tip-off against Montevallo is set for 1:30 p.m., while the Flagler game will start at 5:30 p.m.

Men's hoops

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the score 30-10 in favor of GCSU.

The Bobcats were able to keep the lead over the Pirates and the first half ended with the score 45-30 in favor of

When the second half began the Bobcats continued to play in their aggressive state and continued to dominate over Armstrong Atlantic.

The Bobcats earned a 17-point lead with 2:18 left in the game when a layup by Rowland gave GCSU a 72-55 lead over the Pirates.

Over the entire second half, GCSU did not lose the lead to the Pirates a single time and the game ended in a Bobcat win with the final score of 76-

GCSU played a total of five games over the Christmas break, which were all played on the road, winning four of them.

The Bobcats faced Newberry College on Dec. 15 and defeated the Indians 77-76.

On Dec. 29, GCSU took its only loss of the break to Wingate University with the score of 73-66.

GCSU got back on in its winning streak when they dominated Voorhees College on Dec. 30 and defeated the Tigers 88-45. Coming into 2010, the Bobcats

won their first game of the new year as they earned a victory over Lander on Jan. 4, 74-56.

The Bobcats brought their winning streak up to three when they faced Clayton State on Jan. 9 and defeated the Lakers 69-50.

The Bobcats are on the road to face Montevallo on Saturday.

"I think this time of year is key for everyone to be on the same page. Mikell said. "Eventually we'll play bigger teams we just have to give back some effort and we keep getting better everyday."

Side Line

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What a triumph it would be if the Saints could bring a Super Bowl win to a city that needs something, anything to celebrate.

Minnesota Vikings: Brett Favre. Need I say more? He has defied age, logic, and his doubters (including myself) to reenergize this team and lead it to a 12-4 regular season and an absolutely dominating performance in a 34-3 pounding of the Cowboys last week. However, this team does not need to rely on Favre to put up yards

and points in bunches; its backfield is led by Adrian Peterson, the best pure running back in football. His freakish combination of size, speed, and power means that any simple handoff can turn into a highlightreel touchdown run, and makes the Vikings the toughest offense to gameplan against. A very fast, talented defense means the Vikings can win the close, grinding games

as well. So there it is. I like the Vikings to hoist the Lombardi trophy Feb. 7 in Miami. But what do you think? Send your feedback to colonnadesports.gcsu.edu or at Twitter/VentGCSU.



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